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RENEWED PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This Renewed Petition is being submitted in response to a letter mailed March 26, 2012 in the above US patent. In the letter, the Petitions Examiner dismissed Applicant's Petition of October 24, 2011 for not including a Statement of Ownership under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Applicant herein presents a Renewed Petition and provides a Statement of Ownership under 37 CFR 3.73(b) as requested. The representative of Otago Innovation Limited who signed both the Statement of Ownership and the original Petition is Mr. Garth Hendry. A true copy of the Statement is included herewith as Appendix 1. The Statement of Ownership is signed by a representative of patent owner and Applicant, Otago Innovation Limited, and includes USPTO form SB/96 and a Continuation Page to provide information relating to assignments that, when considered together, form a complete chain of title from the original inventors through to the patent owner and Applicant, Otago Innovation Limited.

Applicant also includes in Appendix 2, a true copy of the original Petition filed October 24, 2011, including Transmittal Form, Fee Transmittal, Power of Attorney, Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee, Facsimile Cover Sheet, Facsimile Cover Sheet indicating successful transmission, and Auto-Reply from the USPTO indicating receipt of the Petition
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and associated documents.

Applicant's representative thanks the Petitions Examiner for treating the Petition as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. Applicant herein respectfully confirms that based on reasonable inquiry, the person who signed the original Petition had firsthand and direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue.

The original Petition included a Power of Attorney from Applicant to the undersigned, which was granted in a Notice mailed November 14, 2011. Applicant therefore believes that the undersigned is authorized to submit this Renewed Petition. Please direct all papers and inquiries to Applicant's representative using the address/telephone/facsimile/email provided below.

Based on the combination of documents submitted herewith, Applicant believes that the Renewed Petition is in condition for grant, and respectfully requests the Petitions Examiner to grant the Renewed Petition and to reinstate U.S. Patent No. 6, 541,008.

Applicant notes that the Maintenance Fee of \$1,425.00 and Petition Fee were (total \$1,640.00) was deducted from Deposit Account No. 50-4089, and believes that no additional fee is due. However, if any fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any required fee from Deposit Account No. 50-4089.

If the Petitions Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the undersigned would assist in moving this process forward, such a telephone conversation is cordially invited.

Dated: April 11, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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